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for Use on Systems of Telephone Borrowers" except that the borrower's purchase order form is to be used for purchasing materials and equipment in these categories. In addition, the borrower and supplier shall execute three copies of the "Supplemental Agreement to Equipment Contract for Field Trial," RUS Form 399, or a "Supplemental Agreement to Equipment Contract for Field Trial (Secondary—Delivery, Installation, Operation)", RUS Form 399a, as the case may be, as well as three copies of the RUS Form 399b, "RUS Telecommunications Field Trial", and forward them, together with three copies of the purchase order to the Chief, Area Engineering Branch.

(k) For all items except Electronic Central Office Equipment, suppliers and manufacturers must furnish warranties or guarantees satisfactory to RUS against the failure of the material and equipment used in the field trial. Terms of this warranty must not be less than the provisions of the standard warranty included in the "Telephone System Construction Contract", RUS Form 515, or the warranty provided for similar materials and equipment included in the "List of Materials Acceptable for Use on Telephone Systems of RUS Borrowers", RUS Bulletin 344-2. In lieu of a warranty, materials and equipment are sometimes furnished to RUS borrowers on a reduced or no cost basis. Terms of such arrangements are subject to RUS approval and should be fully covered in field trial proposals forwarded by borrowers to the Chief,

Area Engineering Branch for review and approval. For the purchase of electronic central office equipment, suppliers and manufacturers are to provide warranties as provided in the applicable RUS contract form: RUS Form 397 for electronic equipment and RUS Form 525 for central office equipment. Forms 399 and 399a, which apply to field trials of these devices, specify that the term of the warranty does not begin until the satisfactory conclusion of the field trial.

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### §§ 1755.4—1755.92 [Reserved]

### § 1755.93 List of standard forms of telecommunications contracts.

Following is a list of the current standard forms of contracts that RUS prepared for use by telephone borrowers when procuring engineering and architectural services, purchasing telephone materials and equipment, and constructing telephone facilities with RUS loan funds. Copies of the contract forms are available from the sources indicated in the listing. A notice of any change in these contract forms will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The terms "RUS form", "RUS standard form", "RUS specification", and "RUS bulletin" have the same meanings as the terms "REA form", "REA standard form", "REA specification", and "REA bulletin", respectively, unless otherwise indicated.

RUS Form No.	Issue date	Title	Purpose	Source of copies
165 .....	9-69	Architectural Services Contract—Telephone.	Used to engage the services of an architect.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
168b .....	3-62	Contractor's Bond .....	Used in RUS Form 515 when the contract exceeds \$100,000.	Copy in the Form 515 Contract.
168c .....	4-79	Contractor's Bond .....	Used when the contractor's surety has accepted a Small Business Administration guarantee and the contract is for \$1 million or less.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
217 .....	7-81	Postloan Engineering Service Contract, Telephone System and Construction.	Used to engage the services of a consulting engineer to perform the postloan engineering services.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
238 .....	4-72	Construction or Equipment Contract Amendment.	Amending the Building Contract RUS Form 257; Special Equipment Contracts, RUS Forms 397 and 398; Telephone Equipment Contract (Installation Only), RUS Form 400; Central Office Equipment Contracts, RUS Forms 525 and 545.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>

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242 .....	11–58	Assignment of Engineering Service Contract.	Used to transfer the responsibilities of completing the performance of the engineering service contract to another company.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
245 .....	11–75	Engineering Service Contract, Special Services—Telephone.	Used to engage a consulting engineer to perform special services.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
257 .....	3–73	Contract to Construct Buildings .....	Building construction .....	Supt. of Doc., GPO, Wash., DC 20402. <sup>2</sup>
257a .....	10–69	Contractor's Bond .....	Used in RUS Form 257 .....	Copy in the Form 257 Contract.
270 .....	7–70	Equal Opportunity Addendum .....	Addendum to Construction and Equipment Contracts not having current equal opportunity provisions.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
282 .....	11–53	Subcontract .....	Subcontracting a portion of construction under a construction contract requires approval of the borrower, surety and RUS prior to subcontracting.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
307 .....	4–60	Bid Bond .....	Bid proposals on RUS Forms 257, 515, and 525 require either a bid bond or a certified check in an amount equal to ten percent of the maximum bid price.	Copies in each of the contracts.
397 .....	12–67	Special Equipment Contract (Including Installation).	Purchase and installation of voice frequency repeaters, trunk carrier, subscriber carrier, microwave, mobile radio, line concentrators, and other items of electronic equipment associated with transmission.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
397f .....	2–63	Contractor's Bond (Special Telephone Equipment).	Used in RUS Form 397 when the contract exceeds \$100,000.	Copy in the Form 397 Contract.
No form number.	7–78	Addendum No. 1 to RUS Form 397, Special Equipment Contract (Including Installation).	Incorporates the liquidated damages provision into the 397 contract.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
398 .....	11–62	Special Equipment Contract (Not Incl. Installation).	Purchase and deliver voice frequency repeaters, trunk carrier, subscriber carrier, microwave, mobile radio, line concentrators, and other items of electronic equipment associated with transmission.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
399 .....	8–82	Supplemental Agreement to Equipment Contract for Field Trial.	Used in any contract that contains material or equipment that requires a field trial and has primary status.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
399a .....	8–82	Supplemental Agreement to Equipment Contract for Field Trial (Secondary—Delivery, Installation, Operation).	Used in any contract that contains material or equipment that requires a field trial and is the secondary field trial category.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
400 .....	10–65	Telephone Equipment Contract (Installation Only).	Used where the contract will cover only the installation of equipment.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
400a .....	10–65	Contractor's Bond (Telephone Equipment Contract—Installation Only).	Used in RUS Form 400 when the contract exceeds \$100,000.	Copy in the Form 400 Contract.
515 .....	1–90	Telephone System Construction Contract (Labor and Materials).	Telephone outside plant construction, including direct buried plant, conduit and manholes, underground cable, pole lines, aerial cable, service entrances and station protector.	Supt. of Doc., GPO, Wash DC 20402. <sup>2</sup>
525 .....	7–94	Central Office Equipment Contract (Including Installation).	Purchase and Installation of central office switching equipment.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
525a .....	10–62	Contractor's Bond (Central Office Equipment).	Used in RUS Form 525 when the contracts exceed \$100,000.	Copy in the Form 525 Contract.
No form number.	8–79	Addendum No. 1 to RUS Form 525, Central Office Equipment Contract (Including Installation).	Incorporates the liquidated damages provision into the 525 contract.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
526 .....	8–66	Construction Contract Amendment .....	Amending the Telephone System Construction Contract (Labor and Material), RUS Form 515.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
545 .....	9–66	Central Office Equipment Contract (Not Including Installation).	Purchase and deliver central office equipment.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
756 .....	3–63	Telephone Line Extension Construction Contract (Labor and Materials).	Construction of system improvements and line extensions where scope of the project is not known.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>

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773 .....	12-90	Miscellaneous Construction Work and Maintenance Service Contract..	Minor construction by contract and maintenance and repair of telephone system facilities..	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
787 .....	8-63	Supplement A to Construction Contract RUS Form 515.	Used in RUS Form 515 when borrower furnishes any material for construction of the project.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>
No form number.	5-94	Addendum No. 2 to RUS Forms 525 and 545 Central Office Equipment Contracts.	Incorporates the Software License Agreement into RUS Forms 525 and 545.	RUS. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>A limited number of copies of the publication will be furnished by RUS upon request. As this document is produced by the Federal Government and is, therefore, in the public domain, additional copies may be duplicated locally by any user as desired. Requests for copies should be sent the Director, Administrative Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, DC 20250. The telephone number of the RUS Publication Office is (202) 720-8674.

<sup>2</sup>This contract form is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. RUS Form 33, Order Blank for RUS Contract Forms from the Government Printing Office should be used to order the publication. Follow the procedure under (1) to obtain copies of Form 33 from RUS.

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### §§ 1755.94—1755.96 [Reserved]

#### § 1755.97 Incorporation by reference of telephone standards and specifications.

The following telephone Bulletins have been approved for incorporation by reference by the Director of the Office of the Federal Register on December 30, 1983. Bulletin 345-150 (Form 515a) containing the specifications and drawings for construction of buried cables and wires may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. The remaining Bulletins containing construction standards and specifications for materials and equipment may be obtained from

the Rural Utilities Service, Administrative Services Division, Room 0175-S, Washington, DC 20250. The bulletins are available for inspection at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC. These materials are incorporated as they exist on the date of the approval and a notice of any change in these materials will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The terms "RUS form", "RUS standard form", "RUS specification", and "RUS bulletin" have the same meanings as the terms "REA form", "REA standard form", "REA specification", and "REA bulletin", respectively, unless otherwise indicated.

RUS Bulletin No.	Specification No.	Date last issued	Title of standard or specification
345-22 .....	PE-26 .....	Jan. 1989 .....	RUS specification for voice frequency loading coils.
345-39 .....	PE-26 .....	Aug. 19, 1985 .....	RUS specification for telephone station protectors.
345-50 .....	PE-60 .....	Sept. 1979 .....	RUS specification for trunk carrier systems.
345-52 .....	PC-5A .....	Jan. 1980 .....	RUS standard for service entrance and station protector installations.
345-54 .....	PE-52 .....	Dec. 1971 .....	RUS specification for telephone cable splicing connectors.
345-55 .....	PE-61 .....	Dec. 1973 .....	RUS specification for central office loop extenders and loop extender voice frequency repeater combinations.
345-65 .....	PE-65 .....	Mar. 22, 1985 .....	Specification for shield bonding connectors.
345-66 .....	PE-64 .....	Sept. 1979 .....	RUS specification for subscriber carrier systems.
345-69 .....	PE-29 .....	Jan. 1978 .....	RUS specification for two-wire voice frequency repeater equipment.
345-72 .....	PE-74 .....	Oct. 1985 .....	RUS specification for filled splice closures.
345-78 .....	PE-78 .....	Feb. 1980 .....	RUS specification for carbon arrester assemblies for use in protectors.
345-150 .....	Form 515a .....	July 1989 .....	RUS specifications and drawings for construction of direct buried plant.
345-151 .....	Form 515c .....	July 1989 .....	RUS specifications and drawings for conduit and manhole construction.
345-152 .....	Form 515d .....	July 1989 .....	RUS specifications and drawings for underground cable installation.
345-153 .....	Form 515f .....	July 1989 .....	RUS specifications and drawings for construction of pole line and aerial cables.